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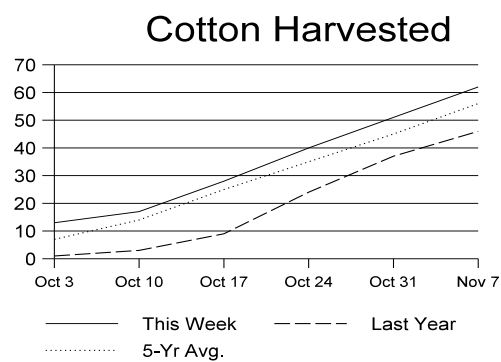
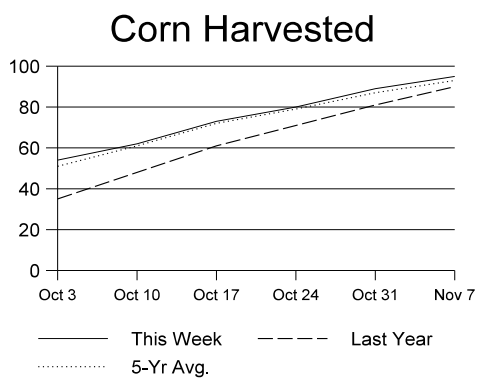
CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 7, 2004

Virginia experienced a wide range of temperatures this week. The average daytime high for the State was 80 degrees and average nighttime low was 34 degrees. Several counties were below the average low and reported their first wide-spread frost for the year. Overall, Virginia was 8 degrees warmer than normal for this time of year. Rainfall for the week was consistent with past years, with most areas experiencing one inch of rain. Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.8. The corn for grain harvest is near completion. Farmers are now focusing on harvesting soybeans. Windy conditions in some areas helped dry out wet fields and assisted in the harvest. With the end of the year approaching, farmers are busy cleaning up around the farmstead and winterizing their equipment. Other farming activities included marketing livestock, building fence, moving grains to buying points, applying lime, tending to fall calving, and hunting deer.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
November 7, 2004	0	1	79	20
October 31, 2004	0	1	74	25
October 24,2004	0	1	77	22
October 17, 2004	0	4	82	14
October 10, 2004	0	5	75	20

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	0	3	21	57	19
Livestock	0	1	11	68	20
Other Hay	0	2	30	56	12
Alfalfa Hay	0	3	25	60	12
Soybeans	0	4	16	55	25
Winter Wheat	0	0	20	71	9
Barley	0	0	17	73	10

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Corn for Grain Harvested	95	89	90	93
Soybeans Harvested	51	32	48	49
Winter Wheat Seeded	68	53	58	54
Winter Wheat Emerged	47	32	N/A	N/A
Barley Seeded	97	90	90	90
Peanuts Combined	96	86	89	92
Cotton Harvested	62	51	46	56
Winter Apples Harvested	99	88	100	98



WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 7, 2004							
WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
<b>NORTHERN</b>							
Woodstock	76	36	54	5	1.09	0.39	3
The Plains	80	29	53	3	1.02	0.18	2
Winchester 7SE	76	36	53	7	0.75	-0.02	1
Dale Enterprise	78	34	54	6	0.93	0.23	2
<b>WESTERN</b>							
Glasgow	83	32	59	10	0.95	0.24	2
Roanoke AP	82	36	61	11	0.90	0.11	2
Waynesboro	78	30	55	8	0.74	-0.03	2
Staunton AG	78	38	56	9	0.66	-0.11	2
<b>CENTRAL</b>							
Somerset	79	37	56	7	0.97	0.06	2
Piedmont Res St	80	35	56	7	1.11	0.20	2
Bremo Bluff	83	29	57	7	1.21	0.36	1
Richmond AP	84	36	61	9	0.87	0.10	2
<b>EASTERN</b>							
Eastville	79	41	59	5	0.58	-0.07	1
Wallops Island	80	36	59	4	0.71	0.08	1
Williamsburg	81	36	60	6	0.62	-0.15	2
Keysville	82	39	59	9	1.12	0.33	2
<b>SOUTHWESTERN</b>							
Blacksburg AG	79	33	56	10	1.11	0.39	2
Wytheville	78	34	55	10	0.89	0.22	3
Saltville	80	29	57	9	1.06	0.32	3
Richlands	78	28	55	13	0.79	0.02	3
<b>SOUTHERN</b>							
Stuart	82	33	58	9	0.57	-0.27	2
Danville AG	82	35	59	8	0.83	0.06	2
Chatham	82	30	57	8	0.93	0.09	2
Martinsville	81	29	58	9	0.75	-0.02	1
<b>SOUTHEASTERN</b>							
Norfolk VA	82	39	62	8	0.59	-0.04	1
Oceana	82	38	62	5	0.34	-0.36	1
Emporia	82	37	60	9	0.89	0.10	3
Newport News	86	38	64	9	0.62	-0.01	1

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.  
Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.